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## Hitting the Rhode



Dear Friends,

I thoroughly enjoy hosting events that bring together the constituents I represent. They provide me the opportunity to engage with members of the community, listen to the thoughts and concerns of my constituents, and deliver updates from Washington, D.C.

During the month of August, I am hosting a series of public forums that will allow you and your neighbors to share what's on your minds. These forums include town hall meetings on [Tuesday, August 8th at Narragansett Town Hall](#) and [Tuesday, August 22nd in Council City Chambers at Warwick City Hall](#), both from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, I will visit the Cranston Senior Enrichment Center on August 22nd at 10 a.m. with representatives from Social Security and Medicare to discuss senior-related issues.

Your concerns are always my foremost consideration, and your feedback helps shape my work in Washington. This is an opportunity to have a productive conversation about a variety of

Join the Conversation:



## Save The Date

### NEW ENGLAND QUAHOG FESTIVAL & PARADE

*A day at the beach with  
food, music and games!*  
Sunday, August 27  
North Kingstown Town  
Beach

## Did You Know...?

### ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Every year, Rep. Langevin nominates students to the nation's prestigious military academies. For more information about the 2017 application process, call (401) 732-9400. >>

### FAST FACT

Enjoy the summer harvest! Farm Fresh Rhode Island hosts eight summer farmers markets throughout the state. >>

## In Other News

### HONORING A HERO

issues facing Rhode Islanders, from growing jobs and strengthening the economy to protecting Medicare and supporting students.

My office doors are always open, and I encourage you to call or email me if you have feedback about my work. But there is nothing that can replace a direct, face-to-face conversation and personal connection, so I hope you will also take the opportunities this month to join me in person. And I hope you will also take the time to hear the thoughts and opinions of your fellow Second Congressional district residents as we continue to build civic engagement.

Learn more about my town hall meetings and many other issues through [my website](#) and [blog](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### Full STEAM Ahead

Art and design play a critical role in enhancing skills that are essential to the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Art fosters innovative thinking and requires students to develop new methods of creative problem solving. The integration of art and design into STEM will give America the edge it needs to compete in the global marketplace, which is why I proudly introduced the [STEM to STEAM Act of 2017](#). This bill would promote the inclusion of art and design in after-school and extracurricular STEM activities. The Rhode Island School of Design has been a pioneer in the STEM to STEAM movement, and I hope other schools will follow its lead so our students become the most creative graduates on the planet.



### Protect Our Children

As a co-chair of the Congressional Foster Youth Caucus, I've heard terrifying stories about children who are victims of 're-homing.' Re-homing occurs when parents transfer custody of their children outside of the child welfare system, and often their children are placed in dangerous situations. I

Rep. Langevin was honored to present six medals to a Rhode Island veteran for his service in the Vietnam War. >>

### SECURING OUR ELECTIONS

Rep. Langevin was appointed to the Congressional Task Force on Election Security to help ensure the integrity of U.S. election systems and guard against future attacks. >>

### STABAZLING HEALTHCARE

Rep. Langevin introduced the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act to help stabilize and strengthen the individual health insurance market. >>

### ADVANCING DEFENSE POLICY

Rep. Langevin applauded the House's approval of the National Defense Authorization Act, which includes his amendment recognizing climate change as a national security threat. >>

### MILITARY EQUALITY

Rep. Langevin condemned President Trump's tweets about barring transgender individuals from serving in the military. >>

### CELEBRATING THE ADA

Rep. Langevin participated in a Facebook Live video with Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. >>

### HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL

Rep. Langevin joined his colleagues to introduce the Improving Access to Higher Education Act to improve

[recently introduced two bills](#) aimed at eliminating this practice: the Protecting Adopted Children Act and the Supporting Adopted Children and Families Act, which both strengthen support services for children and families.

college access and completion for students with disabilities. >>

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